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SUBJECT: OPRED: DAO STAFFING IN PRAGUE

REF: STATE 052763

1. BEFORE REVIEWING REASONS FOR DECISION THAT DAO STAFF SHOULD BE REDUCED, WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DIA ARGUMENTATION CONVEYED IN REFTEL:

A. DEMAND THAT FULL COMPLEMENT OF TWO NCOS AND TWO SECRETARIES BE MAINTAINED COMES AS SURPRISE, SINCE DIA HAD, BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF ITS OWN IG INSPECTION, AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE ASSIGNED NCO WITH NON- WORKING WIFE, THUS REDUCING STAFF BY ONE SECRETARY. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS POSITION WAS NOT IN QUESTION, AND HOPE REGRESSION DOES NOT REPRESENT SOME MAXIMUM NEGOTIATING POSTURE TO BE USED IN ORDER TO OFFER AN APPARENT COMPROMISE.

B. CONTENTION THAT LARGE STAFF IS REQUIRED FOR " VERIFICATION AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES RESULTING FROM MBFR" IS HIGHLY IMAGINATIVE BUT IRRELEVANT. IT IS IRRELEVANT BECAUSE REDUCTION OF NCO AND SECRETARY RELATES ONLY TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF DAO. NCO SLOT IN QUESTION IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, NOT INTELLIGENCE, SPECIALIST WHO, AS DIA INSPECTOR NOTED, BECAME SUPERFLOUS WITH EMBASSY ASSUMPTION LAST YEAR OF FULL ADMINISTRATIVE
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SUPPORT UNDER SAS. NCO'S DO NOT, IN ANY EVENT, TRAVEL OR PARTICIPATE IN " MONITORING OR VERIFICATION." WE LEAVE TO DEPARTMENT JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER DAO WILL EVER PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN FUTURE MBFR SETTLEMENT AND, EVEN IF THICE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, MACOVESCU NOTED POINTEDLY THAT ROMANIA WAS STILL AWAITING RESPONSE FROM EC ON ITS LONG- STANDING REQUEST FOR MFN TREATMENT.

3. ROMANIANS INSISTED ON RELEASE OF LONG COMMUNIQUE IN VERY BLAND TERMS AND WERE NOT MUCH MORE SPECIFIC IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. THEY SAID THEY FOUND LITTLE TO DISAGREE WITH IN DANISH PRESENTATION AT CSCE ON HUMAN CONTACTS BUT THAT, OF COURSE, THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS PARAMOUNT. MINISTRY SOURCE TELLS US MACOVESCU SAID ROMANIANS INTENDED TO PROPOSE AT " NEXT PLENARY SESSION" OF MBFR THAT TALKS BE OPENED TO ALL INTERESTED STATES.

4. MACOVESCU INVITED ALL THREE TOP DANES TO VISIT ROMANIA. NORGAAARD IS EXPECTED TO GO LATE IN MAY AND ANDERSEN AT UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE. PM JORGENSEN WELCOMED INVITATION BUT REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS TOO BUSY TO GET AWAY FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE .
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